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PREFACE

This report contains data on births and deaths received by the Bureau of Vital Records, Utah Department of Health, for the year 1997.

The purpose of this report is to provide data for planners, students, researchers, public officials, private business and the general public. Data are presented for the State of Utah, the local health districts, and the counties. Marriage and divorce statistics are provided as totals in the summary section of this report and another report of the bureau treats them more extensively.

The first section of this report contains current annual and historical tables which provide trends in births, deaths and populations for the state. This is followed by a section of reference tables with more detailed information about births and deaths for the current data year. Users of Vital Records' data who want to request tabulated data not available in this report can contact the Bureau of Vital Records by one of the methods shown on the cover page.¹

The Technical Appendix provides information on the sources, quality and limitations of data. It also provides information on changes that occur in the forms that are used for collecting the data. Any Errata Tables or information for the previous data year are published in the final section.

The data years for 1997 and 1998 will be the last in this annual series where cause of death will be recorded using codes from the International Classification of Diseases, ninth revision (ICD-9), adopted by the World Health Organization in 1975. In 1999 cause of death will be coded using the tenth revision (ICD-10). The National Center for Health Statistics' internet site provides more information on ICD coding from the tenth revision.²

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